

REMARKS

In the claims

Claims 1, 2, 10, 15–19, 22–28, 30–37, 40–43, 61–63, 67–70, 79–81 and 83–84 are currently pending with claims 11–13, 29, 38, 44–47, 49–53, 55–60, 64–66, 71, and 74–78 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 3–9, 14, 20, 21, 39, 48, 54, 72–73 and 82 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants acknowledge the allowability of claims 1, 2, 15–18, and 83.

Claim amendments

The claims have been amended to correct for typographical errors and to use language in accordance with conventional US practice.

The amendment to claim 19 and the claims dependent therefrom is supported at least by the disclosure contained in page 19 and the Example in page 52 of the instant specification.

Claims 30 and 33 are amended to recite functional aspects of Applicants' claimed compounds and are supported by the disclosure contained in, for example, page 13, lines 25–35 of the specification, as originally filed.

Amended claim 62 recites the limitations of allowed claim 1.

It is courteously submitted that the claim amendments do not raise new matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 30, 33, 62 and 84 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. The rejections, not specifically discussed herein, are moot in view of the amendments. No agreement is to be implied. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 3, 4, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The rejections, not specifically discussed herein, are moot in view of the cancellation of the claims. No agreement is to be implied. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful reading of claims. Claims 19 and 22 have been amended, and as such, it is courteously submitted that the rejection under §112, first paragraph is moot in view of the amendments.

The rejection of claim 39 is moot in view of the cancellation of the claim.

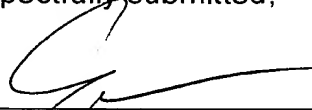
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

The rejection of claim 82 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is moot in view of the cancellation of the claim. No agreement is to be implied.

In view of the above remarks, it is courteously submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues which could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

No fees are believed to be due with this response; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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